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**ABSTRACT**

A network appliance that may be installed in a vehicle transmits and receives information relating to interactions between a user and the vehicle, vehicle mechanics, information relating to the user, information relating the vehicle's physical location, information relating to business locations, etc. Furthermore, the appliance accesses and  
10 interacts via a network such as the Internet with remote servers to obtain and transmit information relating to the user's relative surroundings, thereby providing the user specific personalized information.